power, flow at critical points to ensure accountability at all levels etc.

(iii) Up-grading of operating voltages.

(iv) Reduction of length of LT lines by relocation augmentation of distribution substations.

(v) Location of transformers near load centres.

(vi) Location of low capacity transformers near consumer premises.

(vii) Installation of shunt capacitors for improvement of power factor.

In addition, the following steps are also being taken by various utilities to prevent the losses due to theft of energy:—

(a). Periodic mass checking drive by vigilance squads as well as field staff.

(b. Making installations pilfer-proof.

(c). Scheme for incentive to informants of theft.

(d). Load inspection study for major load centres.

(e). Detection of abnormal consumption with the help of computerization of billing process.

Assessment of Power Requirement in Gujarat

1854. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any assessment of power requirement in Gujarat during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Govenrment propose to set up any power project in Gujarat State during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The 16th Electric Power Survey (EPS) has assessed the energy and peak requirements in respect of Gujarat at the end of 10th Plan (2006-07) which are given as under:

Energy Requirement	61683 MU
Peak Load Demand	10605MW

(c) to (e) The projects which are likely to be commissioned during the 10th Plan for the State of Gujarat include the following:

Plant Name	Fuel Type	Capacity MW	
		Total Capacity	Benefits 10th Plan
State Sector			
Sardar Sarovar	Hydro	1450	1450
Akrimota	Thermal	250	250
Sikka	Thermal	500	500
Kutch Lignite Extn. (Panandhro)	Thermal	75	75
Dhuvaran	Thermal	106.6	106.6
Private Sector			
Hazira	Thermal	156	156
Jamnagar	Thermal	500	500

In addition, Gujarat can also have its share from the central sector/ mega projects targeted for completion during 10th Plan for the Western Region.

Comprehensive power policy for NER

1855. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive power policy for power sector in NER; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The